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Subject: CY2020 no-cost time extension 106 grant COVID-19

Hi Kelly,

After reviewing where we are relative to our amended task table for CY 2020 submitted in response to COVID-19, we would like to resubmit and request a no-cost time extension. Several aspects of the resumption of work proceeded differently than we anticipated:

- Our lab capacity for nutrients shut down at the beginning of the pandemic. We anticipated that the capacity
 would be available in June but the lab did not come back on-line until August.
- DNREC ceased the boat run due to social distancing concerns. Although they attempted to get approval from their chain of command to resume starting in early June, that approval ultimately didn't come until late August.
- We are currently shorter staffed due to overall budget concerns and some turnover.
- NJ labs were also impacted by 10 furlough days for all staff, resulting in decreased availability.

Although we will be requesting a no-cost time extension, our goal will be to accomplish as much of the 2020 work as possible in 2020.

Please let me know if I need to do anything other than submit the revised task table. Also, if you would like to discuss this by phone first, please let me know.

Thanks, John Yagecic

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